

Status of Claims

Claims 1-17 and 33 stand rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251.

Claims 18- 32 and claims 34 - 61 are all canceled.

Support for the amendment to claim 4 can be found at col. 6, lines 31-33 of the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. **5,954,671**.

Support for claims 16, 17, and 33 was previously provided in the “Statement Regarding Support in Disclosure” mailed with the reissue application on August 3, 2001.

Remarks

In response to the Communication of June 2, 2008, Applicant has provided a supplemental amendment wherein claim 4 is identified as being “amended” in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.173. Applicant also provides with this amendment a supplemental reissue declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.175.

All the claims except those claims previously indicated as allowed in the Office Action of June 18, 2007 are cancelled herein. Applicant, therefore respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance.

If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application,
please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

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